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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Francois BECK et al.

Serial No.: New Application

Filed: January 25, 2002

For: PROCESS FOR PROGRAMMING AN AUTOMATION APPLICATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4 and 6 as follows:

3. (Amended) Programming process according to claim 1,
characterized in that the replacement step comprises:

- a step (34) to search for the relative address defined
for each structured type element in a table (1.1, 1.2) of